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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

I am writing you today to thank the Department of Health & Human Services for the decision to require health insurers to cover the full cost of contraception, beginning in August 2012.

Access to birth control is extremely important to women's rights and the ability to lead our lives. The largest employer in my area is a religious institution which has for years provided health insurance options that do NOT cover birth control in any form. This, in my opinion, is discriminatory on both gender and religious grounds and I hope that your organization's decision will be a step forward for women who work in my area.

Thank you for prioritizing women's basic health care needs.

Sincerely,

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